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SUBJECT: US-GOC CONSULTATIONS ON AFTOSA AND THE DARIEN
GAP HIGHWAY

1. PLEASE INFORM THE GOC THAT THE WEEK OF SEPT. 27 IS
ACCEPTABLE FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR REVIEW AND
CONSULTATIVE GROUPS ON AFTOSA AND THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY.

2. AS US PARTICIPANTS PROBABLY WILL TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA
SEPT. 27, WE SUGGEST THE SENIOR REVIEW GROUP MEETING
BE HELD SEPT. 28. DOT OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING
MOP COUNTERPARTS FOR A FEW HOURS ON SEPT. 28. THE
CONSULTATIVE GROUP PLENARY SESSION IN OUR VIEW SHOULD BE
HELD THE MORNING OF SEPT. 29, RESERVING THE AFTERNOON
FOR THE CLOSED SESSION. PLEASE OBTAIN GOC VIEWS ON THIS
SCHEDULE. MOST WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE
BOGOTA SEPT. 30.

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3. WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE: STATE--

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM H. LUERS AND STUART COTTMAN; USDA--ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD FELTNER, APHIS ADMINISTRATOR DR. FRANCIS MULHERNE; DOT/FHWA--FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR NORBERT TIEMANN AND ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR HARRY LINDBERG. ALSO PARTICIPATING WILL BE JAMES HANSON, FINANCIAL OFFICER, APHIS; AND DR. C.J. MASON, OFFICER FOR AMERICAN VETERINARIAN SERVICES, USDA. US PARTICIPATION MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY BY LATE SEPTEMBER.

4. AT THE LAST MEETING ON DARIEN GAP MATTERS, A SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT THE USG SHOULD HOST AN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL FUNCTION IN RECIPROCATION FOR SEVERAL GOC COURTESIES. WE ARE EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING FROM WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY AND COST ESTIMATE, AND SUGGESTED DATE. ALSO INDICATE WHETHER, WITHIN YOUR LIMITED REPRESENTATIONAL RESOURCES, THE EMBASSY CAN HELP. PLEASE DO NOT INDICATE TO THE GOC OUR INTEREST IN PLANNING A FUNCTION AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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